

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims, amended as indicated below, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim [[1]] 19, wherein said preview control means previews said character string in a predetermined format.

3. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 2, wherein:  
terminal equipment to which said e-mail is being sent has a display format which is independent of the display format of the terminal equipment sending the e-mail; and  
the previewed e-mail is displayed in the format [[on]] of terminal equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim [[1]] 19, wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

5. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim [[1]] 19, further comprising:  
first setting means for setting the number of characters per line; and  
wherein said preview control means previews said character string according to setting set by said first setting means.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim [[1]] 19, further comprising:  
insertion means ~~inserting~~, operative when the number of characters in a character string inputted by said input means exceeds a predetermined number of characters, to insert a

carriage return and line feed code before the character exceeding the predetermined number of characters; and  
wherein said preview control means ~~previews~~ displays said character string inputted by said input means in a format according to said carriage return and line feed code.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 6, further comprising second setting means for setting said predetermined number of characters.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 19, further comprising display processing means displaying a predetermined part of said previewed e-mail in the original character form.

9. (Original) The portable terminal equipment according to claim 8, wherein said predetermined part is a part including the left end of said previewed e-mail.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal equipment according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 20, wherein said predetermined part includes the beginning part of a line of said e-mail displayed on said terminal equipment.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 21, further comprising a step of selecting a preview function.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 21, wherein said step of replacing each character in said character string with a dot or dots replaces said each character of said character string in a predetermined format with a dot or dots.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim 14, wherein said e-mail is displayed in the format [[on]] of terminal equipment to which said e-mail is sent.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim [[12]] 21, wherein said plurality of dots are formed in a cluster.

17. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim [[12]] 21, wherein said each character in said character string is replaced with a dot or dots by starting a new line according to a predetermined number of characters per line.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for previewing e-mail according to claim [[12]] 21, wherein when the character string of said inputted e-mail exceeds a predetermined number of characters, a carriage return and line feed code is inserted before a character exceeding the number of characters and said each character in said character string is replaced with a dot or dots according to the carriage return and line feed code.

19. (New) Portable terminal equipment comprising:  
input means for inputting characters;  
display means;  
a wireless transmitting and receiving unit; and  
a control unit which is programmed to implement the functions of creating, displaying, sending  
and receiving e-mail,  
all of the components thereof being housed in a compact unit for convenient portable use,  
wherein the control unit includes preview control means that previews a character string prepared  
for transmission as e-mail to receiving terminal equipment having a display format  
which is independent of the display format of the sending terminal equipment,  
the preview control means being operative to preview the character string by replacing each  
character in the character string with one or a plurality of dots.

20. (New) Portable terminal equipment comprising:  
input means for inputting characters;  
display means;  
a wireless transmitting and receiving unit; and  
a control unit which is programmed to implement the functions of creating, displaying, sending,  
and receiving e-mail,  
all of the components thereof being housed in a compact unit for convenient portable use,  
wherein:  
the control unit includes display processing means that displays characters of a predetermined  
part of an e-mail being prepared for transmission; and  
the display is in a format corresponding to that of a display at terminal equipment to which said  
e-mail is being sent.

21. (New) A method for previewing e-mail being sent from portable terminal  
equipment which includes input means for inputting characters, display means, a wireless  
transmitting and receiving unit, and a control unit which is programmed to implement the  
functions of creating, displaying, sending, and receiving e-mail, and previewing e-mail being  
prepared for transmission to receiving terminal equipment, wherein the receiving terminal  
equipment includes a display unit having a format which is independent of the display format of  
the sending terminal equipment., the method comprising the steps of:  
replacing each character in a character string inputted for transmission as e-mail with one or a  
plurality of dots; and  
previewing said character string in which said each character is replaced with the dot or dots in  
the display format of the receiving terminal equipment.